

REMARKS

In the Office Action, the Examiner required restriction, under 35 U.S.C. §121, to one of the following inventions:

- I. Claims 1-5 and 17, drawn to a method for manufacturing a glass body, classified in class 427, subclass 165.
- II. Claims 6-16, drawn to a glass body, classified in class 428, subclass 426.

Applicant hereby elects invention I with traverse. Applicant respectfully disagrees with the Examiner's requirement of restriction in the present application. In response, applicant has amended Claims 6-16 to recite a method for manufacturing a glass body, much like the method claims 1-5 and 17, which comprise Group I. Additionally, Claims 4-5 and 7-17, which were previously in improper multiple dependent form, have been amended to eliminate preferably clauses, and new Claims 19-27 have been added to recite preferred embodiments.

The Examiner then noted that Claim 18 is an improper non-statutory use claim and will therefore not be further addressed for prosecution. The Examiner requested that Claim 18 be cancelled. In response, applicant has cancelled Claim 18.

In light of the foregoing, applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the restriction requirement. Applicants further respectfully submit that the claims of the present application are in proper form for allowance.

An early and favorable action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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